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Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.56  
AND 37 CFR 1.97-1.98**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, Applicant calls the attention of the Examiner to Form 1449 attached herewith, which cites published art documents listed in the International Search Report (documents attached) in connection with PCT counterpart application no. US 03/38100.

The undersigned hereby certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 that the information disclosed herein was cited in a communication dated June 2, 2004 from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and is being filed within three (3) months thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that consideration of the above noted Information Disclosure Statement is appropriate, and consideration of the same is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions or comments regarding this paper or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number. In the event any fee is due, please charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 08-1800.

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